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1. IN VIEW OF FRENCH RESERVATIONS TO NAC CONSULTATIONS ON
SUBJECT, WE RELUCTANTLY CONCUR IN MISSION OUTLINE (PARAS
3 AND 4, REF A) AS BEST TACK TO TAKE AT THIS STAGE. WHILE
WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS DEVELOP
INTO WHAT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE CONFRONTA-
TION WITH FRENCH, WE WOULD HOPE TO MAINTAIN LEVEL AND, IF
POSSIBLE, SCOPE OF CONSULTATIONS PRACTICED IN PREVIOUS

YEARS.

2. POLADS CONSULTATIONS: DURING AUGUST 2 POLADS MEETING MISSION SHOULD SUPPORT PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS IN POLADS. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER 9 DATE. TO ENSURE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, PROPOSE THAT MEETING BE EXTENDED TO TWO-DAY SESSION (I.E., SEPTEMBER 8-9) AS WAS HELD LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF IS PREPARED REPORT ON

MEETING FOR EVENTUAL NAC REVIEW, AS WAS DONE FOR NATO CONSULTATIONS ON 31ST UNGA (REF B). SUCH A PAPER WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL AS VEHICLE FOR INTRODUCING TOPIC OF UN ISSUES ON NAC AGENDA. WE ARE AWARE OF HEAVY WORK LOAD STEMMING FROM CSCE PREPARATIONS, BUT ARE HOPEFUL THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL NOT PLACE UNDUE BURDEN ON POLADS AND IS. IN ANY EVENT, WE DO NOT WISH TO DETRACT FROM ONGOING POLADS AND IS WORK IN THIS AREA. SHOULD PROPOSED PROCEDURES POSE DIFFICULTIES IN THIS REGARD, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS REGRETS THAT PRESS OF BUSINESS PRECLUDES PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS ON THE SCOPE OF PAST YEARS AND SUPPORT PROPOSAL FOR ONE-DAY SESSION (WITH OR WITHOUT IS REPORT).

3. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM ALLIES THAT US EXPERT PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUEST MISSION ADVISE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF LEVEL (AND WHEN AVAILABLE, NAMES) OF ALLIED EXPERTS ATTENDING MEETING AS WELL AS COUNTRIES PLANNING TO SEND PARTICIPANTS FROM CAPITALS.

4. WE FIND IS PROVISIONAL AGENDA ACCEPTABLE. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, PROPOSE THAT IT BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE "POSSIBLE SOVIET INITIATIVES" AS WELL AS "ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS".

5. NAC CONSULTATIONS: WE CONCUR THAT MISSION SHOULD NOT PRESS FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS AT PRESENT TIME. HOPEFULLY RESULTS OF REINFORCED POLADS MEETING WILL PROVIDE BASIS FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS ON AT LEAST SECURITY ISSUES.

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